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punishment was expunged from the law of all civilized countries. To Travancore the idea was not new, for the law had already exempted Brahmins and women from capital punishment. He prayed that the exemption might be made general.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

40. Desirability of transferring the Thriuvancode pakuthi from the Colachel to the Eraniel Magistrate.

Mr. K. Mytheen Pillai (Member, Nominated) said that, in the redistribution of criminal jurisdiction, the Thiruvancode *pakuthi*, which was 9 miles away from Colachel, was transferred to that Magistrate, and the Thalakulam *pakuthi* very near Colachel shifted to the jurisdiction of the Eraniel Magistrate. Eraniel was 2½ miles and Kalkulam 2 miles from Thiruvancode. In consequence, petty thefts were on the increase and the people were put to much inconvenience. He requested that Thiruvancode might be transferred to Eraniel as of old or at least to Kalkulam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

41. The need for a Magistrate's Court at Kazhakuttam.

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai, B A. & B L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that Kazhakuttam was situated between Trivandrum and Attingal. It was 10 miles from Trivandrum and 11 miles from Attingal. A reference to the map would show that it was in the centre of the taluk. The Taluk First Class Magistrate's Court was now held at one end of it. The taluk really lay on the north. Now that there was a Police station at Kazhakuttam, much difficulty was experienced in charging cases from that station. Even for a day's remand, the person arrested had to be brought to a distance of 10 miles. The result of it was that, in many cases, the Police would not make any arrests effectively. Formerly, there was a Magistrate's Court at Kazhakuttam; that was in the Police Amin's time. There were now Magistrates' Courts at Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Attingal, and Warkalay, at a distance of 10 miles of each other. As the Taluk Magistrate was also the First Tahsildar, it might be difficult, owing to his many urgent and onerous duties, to transfer his head-quarters to Kazhakuttam. But in view to obviate the inconveniences pointed out, he requested that a Magistrate's Court might be established at Kazhakuttam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

42. The desirability of ruling that certain officers should not be allowed to remain in one taluk for more than two years and the necessity for investing the Shertallai Tahsildar with First Class powers.

Mr. Devan Krishnan Karthavu (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that the present practice of keeping the Tahsildar, Munsiff, Police Inspector and such other officers at any place for any number of years had resulted in much hardship to the people. By long stay at any place they became intimately acquainted with the wealthy and influential people of the locality, and it naturally led to so many evils. The Member therefore prayed that it be ruled that such officers should not be kept at any place for more than two years. He further represented that, as the result of their complaints, they were given a Tahsildar with first class powers, but owing to the recent transfer of that officer, they were again forced to fall back on their old complaint. The Member requested that, if the Government were not prepared to appoint a Stationary First Class Magistrate for Shertallai, the local Tahsildar should always be one invested with first class powers.

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